



**“Expanding the Table – Clothed in Christ”**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 16, 2021**

**WELCOME**

*Thank you for worshipping with today!*

*If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/worship/>.*

*If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, or online. Thank you for your generosity.*

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**ORDER OF SERVICE    *The assembly speaks the bold verses***

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**Preparing for Worship**

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

**Opening Prayer****Table Blessing - Jan Richardson**

To your table  
you bid us come.  
You have set the places,  
you have poured the wine,  
and there is always room,  
you say,  
for one more.  
And so we come.  
From the streets  
and from the alleys  
we come.  
From the deserts  
and from the hills  
we come.  
From the ravages of poverty  
and from the palaces of privilege  
we come.  
Running,  
limping,  
carried,  
we come.  
We are bloodied with our wars,  
we are wearied with our wounds,  
we carry our dead within us,  
and we reckon with their ghosts.  
We hold the seeds of healing,  
we dream of a new creation,  
we know the things  
that make for peace,  
and we struggle to give them wings.  
And yet, to your table  
we come.  
Hungering for your bread,  
we come;  
thirsting for your wine,  
we come;  
singing your song  
in every language,  
speaking your name  
in every tongue,  
in conflict and in communion,  
in discord and in desire,  
we come,  
O God of Wisdom,  
we come

**Music**            **“We Are a People of Hope” - Words and Music Tom Nichols and Dan Chadburn**

*Chorus:*

We are a People of Hope,  
Joyfully Singing, Faithfully Clinging  
To the Promise God made at our birth  
We are the Children of God  
Hungry for Justice, Filled with Compassion  
We are a People of Hope

Why are the children crying?  
Who has turned them away?  
At God’s table ALL are welcome  
Sing of God’s love all your days. *Chorus*

We are called (Jesus commands us) to love one another  
This is the law above all  
Welcome the stranger, comfort the orphan  
Reflecting God’s love in your ways. *Chorus*

Neither height, Nor depth, Nor hate, Nor fear  
Can separate us from God  
Neither height, Nor depth, Nor hate, Nor fear  
Can separate us, separate us from God. *Chorus*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
Who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for individual confession and self-reflection.*

O God, You who are always doing a new thing,  
we confess that we sometimes close windows  
against the fresh air of new ideas,  
against the noise of other people’s worries,  
against the winds of change.

God of every place and time,  
we confess that we often draw the curtains  
against people who are different,  
against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,  
our shuttered churches,  
the security systems on our hearts.  
Open up our lives,  
and let your Spirit blow through. **Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Greeting**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of justification,

With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Music      “Like a Tree” (Psalm 1) – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan**

*Refrain:*

Like a tree by the flowing water, growing deeper, stretching high  
Like a tree by the flowing water, connected to the source of life

*Verse 1:*

Blessed, blessed are we to abide in God’s Word  
Nourished through every season; blessed are we

*Verse 2:*

Planted, planted by grace, we are rooted in God’s design  
Freely, freely abiding, planted by grace

*Verse 3:*

Trusting, trusting our lives to the holy way of God  
We will, we will surrender, trusting our lives

### **Gospel Reading      Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29**

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! <sup>2</sup>The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup>Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? <sup>4</sup>Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. <sup>5</sup>Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

<sup>6</sup>Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” <sup>7</sup>so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.”

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. <sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Message

*Pastor Andrea Fluegel*

### Music "Quiet Place" - The Many

In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know  
How I can give and how to forgive.

In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know you.

### Prayers of the People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You call the whole church on earth to worship and bless you. Empower your church to bear joyful witness to your love made known in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have fashioned a habitat for all your creatures and you fill the earth with your glory. Give rain where it is needed and rescue those inundated by floods. Mend what we have torn in the fabric of creation and replenish and nourish your world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know you.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Prince of Peace, we lift before you Palestine and Israel, India, Russia, and Brazil. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the majesty of your love, you rule the world with justice and mercy. Give those in authority the spirit of your love, so that all who are hungry and poor receive food and resources, and all people flourish and live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You heal those who are sick and bind up the brokenhearted. Attend to the cares and needs of the hurting and hopeless in our congregation, community, workplaces, schools, and families. Gracious God, we lift before you all the people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know you.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have gathered us in this congregation, enlightened our hearts, and given us a share of the immeasurable greatness of your power. Help us love one another, be reconciled where we are divided, and share the riches of your grace with our neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In raising Christ from the dead, you put your great power to work in the world. Raise us and all who have died in the faith with Christ. We remember saints in our lives and in our community. Thank you for their gifts among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know  
How to be true in all I do.**

**In this quiet place (2x)  
Help me be still and know you.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Music

### *"God Will See Us Through"*

Music by Emma Ceurvels and words by Bryan Sirchio

In times of brokenness,  
In ev'ry wilderness,  
God has seen us through.

Times when our strength was gone,  
Somehow we carried on,  
God has seen us through.

Look behind and see throughout history,  
God has never let us down.  
Lean ahead and trust God is guiding us,  
God is with us here right now.

God will see me through,  
God will see you through,  
God will see us through somehow.

Step by step we'll be,  
Given all we need,  
God will see us through this now.

## Sending

Gathered by Grace.

Sent to Serve.

**Thanks be to God!**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prince of Peace has moved to Phase 3 of the POP Re-Opening Guidelines.** This means that in-person worship has increased to a 50-person limit. Masks, social distancing and pre-registration are still required. Sanctuary doors will be unlocked 10 minutes prior to worship. Online worship will still be available. POP small groups of ten or less can meet in the building with masks and social distancing. Contact the church office to schedule your team or small group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel or a Council member.

**Effective Tuesday, April 27, the Prince of Peace building and church office will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon.** If you need access at another time, please contact the church office. Masks and social distancing will still be required.

### **Pentecost Sunday-Wear Red!**

POP will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on May 23 at 9:00 a.m. Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter, and it is the day in which the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Jesus' first followers, this empowering them for mission and gathering them together as a church.

### **New: Prayer Requests on POP Website**

If you have a prayer request, you can now go to <https://princeofpeace-er.org/prayers/> to fill out a form, or you can go there to pray for the requests already posted. If you post a request, you have the opportunity to remain anonymous.

### **Graduate Recognition Sunday**

On **Sunday, June 6**, we will recognize and pray for all of our graduates. If you have a graduate in your family this year, please go to the link included in last week's weekly emailed announcements and fill out the form or contact the church office so that the graduates can be included in our prayers and blessings.

### **Lawn Care Help Needed**

It's that time again! If you can help with lawn care at POP this summer season, please sign up on the website at [princeofpeace-er.org/signups](https://princeofpeace-er.org/signups). Thank you for helping with this very important task.





### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.  
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,  
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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